

**City Council of the City of New Castle
Public Hearing at Town Hall
201 Delaware Street – New Castle
Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilperson Megginson
Councilperson Cochran
Council President Ratchford
Councilperson Petty

Also present:

William Barthel, City Administrator
Mayor, Donald A. Reese
Chief Daniel Tjaden

Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 501, An Ordinance to amend Chapter 140 of the Code of the City of New Castle to add a new Article V1 Establishing Regulations, Violations, and Penalties Related to Disorderly Premises and the Operation of Burglary Alarms.

President Ratchford called the meeting to order. This meeting is to receive public comment on the proposed ordinance. Council President Ratchford said that the City Attorney had made some small changes to clean up some wording, but there had been no substantive changes. The president opened the floor for comment. There being no comment, she asked for comment from Council.

Councilperson Megginson said it was a needed Ordinance. He said that the Police Department spends a lot of time on false alarms. It wastes time and money and can leave the residents unprotected.

Council President said the Ordinances said it also has the disorderly premises for situations where there are tenants, allows the City to involve landlords in any problems we have with a property. She also stated that if the Ordinance passes we will need to have communication to let residents know what will be required for notification.

City Administrator Barthel said that he and the Chief had discussed notification, and there would be a period of at least 60 days for people to register their alarms.

Chief Tjaden gave examples of some of the calls that might be received.

Motion was made by Councilperson Megginson seconded by Councilperson Vannucci to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Denton